

Experiencing God Together

“Experiencing God Through His Word” – Psalm 19
August 24, 2025

Our Sermon Series

40 DAYS OF EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER		
A Journey to Encounter the Living God Together		
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Outline of Psalm 19

- **GENERAL REVELATION** (vv.1-6) – How we experience God thru His creation.
- **SPECIAL REVELATION** (vv.7-11) – How we experience God through His Word.
- **PRAYER** (vv.12-14) – Prayer responding to God’s general and special revelation.

Psalm 19 in One Sentence

We experience God through His creation, His Word, and prayer.

Some Synonyms for God’s Word (vv.7-11).

Law of the Lord	Testimony of the Lord	Precepts of the Lord
Commandment of the Lord	Fear of the Lord	Rules of the Lord

Ten Characteristics of God’s Word (vv.7-11)

perfect	<i>tay-mim</i> = without defect; unblemished; blameless
sure	<i>ay-mon</i> = faithful, sure, established
right	<i>yay-sar</i> = straight, level, upright
pure	<i>bar</i> = pure, radiant, chosen, special
clean	<i>tay-hor</i> = clean, no impurities, flawless
eternal	<i>ay-mad had</i> = enduring forever; eternal, standing forever
true	<i>emet</i> = true, certain, honest, full of integrity, reliable, trustworthy
righteous	<i>say-daq ya-had</i> = altogether righteous, God’s standard
desirable	<i>hay-mad</i> = delightful, highly desirable, pleasing, choice
sweet	<i>may-toq</i> = sweet, pleasant taste

Application Question – Which of these experiences of God through His Word do you need in your life right now? (vv.7-11)

- REVIVING** – Lord, please revive my soul through Your Word (v.7a)
- WISDOM** – Lord, please give me wisdom through Your Word (v.7b)
- JOY** – Lord, please give my heart joy through Your Word (v.8a)
- LIGHT** – Lord, please illuminate my path through Your Word (v.8b)
- SPIRITUAL SUSTENANCE** – Lord, please feed my soul thru Your Word (v.10)
- ADMONITION** – Lord, please warn me through Your Word where I need admonition (v.11a)
- SPIRITUAL GRIT** – Lord, please give me the obedience that leads to reward (v.11b)

Practically Speaking, HOW Do We Tap Into These Word-Induced Experiences of God? (vv.10-14)

Answer = DEOP – “Deop” is an internet technology term meaning “to demote from operations status” – to remove operator privileges on an internet channel. Let’s DEOP our sin nature and the devil from our lives through God’s Word.

D – Desire His Word (v.10)

- Gold and honey are both pictures of desire. As humans, we know what it is to desire money (gold) and what it is to desire great tasting food (honey). Psalm 19 says that God’s Word is more desirable than both of those!!!
- *hay-mad* = covet, lust, desire
- This is the same word used in the Ten Commandments to say, “Thou shall not covet” (Exodus 20:17) and used in Proverbs 6:25 to exhort us not to lust after a prostitute.
- But Psalm 19 says there is one thing that we are SUPPOSED TO covet and lust after (desire) – namely, God’s Word.
- If you want to experience God, then desire His Word more than money, gold, Godiva chocolate cheesecake, or honey!!!
- The more you “eat” God’s Word, the more you desire God’s Word.
- **Application #1** – To increase my desire for God’s Word, I am going to...
 - Pray for an increased desire for God’s Word: “Lord, give me increased tastebuds on my heart for Your Word!”
 - “Eat” God’s Word frequently meditating on God’s staggering promises to me in His Word!
 - Tremble at God’s Word!
- **Isaiah 66:2** – *This is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My Word.*
- John Bevere: “The one who trembles at God’s Word always exalts what God says above anything else. Nothing is more important. It is true evidence of holy fear. This person is most blessed.”

E – Eat His Word (v.10)

- The honey analogy is an eating analogy. Multiple times in Scripture we are exhorted to “eat” God’s Word (Psalm 119:103; Jeremiah 15:16; Ezekiel 2:8-3:3; Matthew 4:4; Revelation 10:9-10).

- How to eat God's Word:
 - (1) Like honey (Psalm 19:10) – taking delight in its taste
 - (2) Like a baby drinking milk (1 Peter 2:2) – as our very sustenance
 - (3) Like steak (Hebrews 5:11-14) – moving toward substance and lasting protein.
- **Hebrews 5:11-14** (NLT) – *There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen. You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's Word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.*
- What Jim has found to be steak ("solid food"):
 - Straight Bible – systematically reading and digesting the entire Bible once per year every year (The One Year Bible; SOAP journaling).
 - John Piper (desiringgod.org/)
 - Andrew Murray (Abide in Christ)
 - Jerry Bridges (The Practice of Godliness)
 - Nik Ripken (The Insanity of God)
 - A.W. Tozer (The Knowledge of the Holy)
 - John Bevere (The Awe of God)
- **Application #2a** – In order to be a regular "eater" of God's Word, I am going to...
 - Read the Bible every day. Meditate on what I am reading. Apply and obey what I am reading. And pray it back to God. (One tool to help with this is Grace Fellowship's "My Time With God" Journal.)
 - Join a small group that is studying God's Word.
 - Come to church faithfully every Sunday in order to dig into God's Word with my church family.
 - Read good Christian books/audiobooks and listen to great podcasts that help me get into God's Word.
- **Application #2b** – In order to truly understand and "eat" God's Word, I am going to make sure that I have been born again (1 Corinthians 2:14; John 1:12; 3:3; Romans 10:9).

Pray: "Lord Jesus, I repent of my sin, and I receive Your Spirit in my life to forgive my sins and make me new."

- Baptism service on Sept 7. Info at WhatIsGrace.org/Baptisms
- John Piper: "When internal *regeneration* in your soul meets external *inspiration* in the Bible, what happens is reading the Bible supernaturally. It is supernatural from the side of the Bible, because God inspired it and embedded His glory in it. It is supernatural from the side of the soul, because we have been supernaturally changed from lovers of self-glorification to lovers of God-glorification. And the result is a supernatural reading in which we see the glory of God."

O – Obey His Word (v.11)

- The Bible is not just words to understand but God's commands to be obeyed and God's authority to be submitted to. Verse 11 promises great reward as we obey.
- **Application #3** – In the power of God's Spirit, I choose to obey God's Word to...
 - Put God first, family second, and work third (Matt 6:33; Eph 5:25-33)
 - Speak to and treat other people with kindness, encouragement, and love (Ephesians 4:29; James 1:19-21; 3:1-12; Matthew 18:15-17; Proverbs 12:18; 15:1,23,30; 16:28; 18:8; 26:20)
 - Forgive the person who hurt me (Ephesians 4:25-32; Romans 12:17-21; Matthew 5:21-26,38-48)
 - Minister to the poor and the least (Matthew 25:31-46)
 - Share my faith (Acts 1:8)
 - Save my sexuality for marriage and to not live together outside wedlock (Exodus 20:14; 1 Corinth 6:18; 7:2; 10:8; 1 Thess 4:3)
 - Not look at pornography (Matthew 5:27-30)
 - Stay married (Matt 5:31-32; 19:1-12; Rom 7:2-3; 1 Corinth 7:12-16)
 - Not get an abortion (Exodus 20:13; Psalm 139:13-18; Jeremiah 1:5)
 - Train and discipline my children (Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 3:11-12; 19:18; 22:6; 23:13-14; 29:15,17)
 - Handle my money wisely by giving, saving, budgeting (1 Corinth 16:2; 2 Corinth 9:6-11; Matt 6:19-21; Prov 3:9-10; 6:1-11; 11:15; 13:11; 14:21,31; 15:16-17; 16:8,16; 17:1; 21:20; 22:9; 23:4-5; 28:6,8,11,22,27; Malachi 3:7-10)
 - Serve in Christ's church (1 Peter 4:8-11) [**SAY YES TODAY**]

P – Pray His Word (vv.12-14)

- The psalm moves from discussing God's Word to PRAYING God's Word back to Him. The most powerful prayers are praying Scripture.
- Beth Moore: "I have never discovered a more powerful way to demolish strongholds in my life than praying Scripture."
- David asks God to... (1) declare me right with God; (2) give me victory over sin; and (3) give me words that are pleasing to God.
- **Application #4** – I choose to pray God's Word for...

SOME VERY GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES		
Strength Psalm 18:32; Isaiah 40:31	Guidance John 16:13	Help Isaiah 41:10-14
Instruction Psalm 32:8; John 14:26	Wisdom Prov 2:6-8; James 1:5	Heaven John 14:1-3; 2 Peter 3:13
The Holy Spirit Acts 2:33; Eph. 1:13	Joy Psalm 132:16; Gal. 5:22	Spiritual Life Romans 8:9-13
Resurrection Life John 11:25	Sufficient Grace 2 Corinth 12:9	Eternal Rewards 1 Tim 4:8; James 1:12
Answered Prayer 1 John 5:14-15	Financial Provision Philippians 4:19	Forgiveness 1 John 1:9
Return of a Prodigal Luke 15:17	He Will Finish His Work Philippians 1:6	Healing Isaiah 53:5
Reaching the Nations Matt. 24:14; 28:18-20	Marriage Oneness Genesis 2:24-25	I Can Do All Things Philippians 4:13